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Filed: September 3, 1998)
For: EXPOSURE APPARATUS AND) March 18, 2002
DEVICE MANUFACTURING)
METHOD INCLUDING GAS)
PURGING OF A SPACE)
CONTAINING OPTICAL)
COMPONENTS)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND claims 1, 6, 9, 14 and 17 as follows. A marked up copy of these claims is attached in Appendix A. For the Examiner's convenience, all claims currently pending in this application have been reproduced below:

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Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

☐ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	42	MINUS	20	= 22	x \$9 \$18	\$ 396.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	13	MINUS	8	= 5	x \$42 \$84	\$ 420.00
Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$140/\$280						\$ 0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 816.00

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☒ Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our address given below.

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